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Date: November 7, 2001

Title: METHOD OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCING

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 17, and 21 as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims is shown in the attached Appendix.

1. **(Thrice Amended)** A method for sequencing nucleic acid molecules, comprising the steps of:
- providing at a first location a plurality of single stranded nucleic acid molecules that have the same sequence as one another and that are hybridized to primers in a manner to allow primer extension in the presence of nucleotides and a nucleic acid polymerase;
 - providing at a second location, which is different from the first location, a plurality of single stranded nucleic acid molecules that have the same sequence as one another, but that have different sequence from the sequence of the single stranded nucleic acid molecules at the first location, and that are also hybridized

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